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All claims allowable. However due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is suspended for a period of six (6) months.

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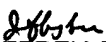
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Interfering Party Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Interference Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Application No. in Interference: 08/482,933

waiting for Ardin Muschel's parent 08/482,933  
interference proceedings to be resolved. Currently  
Ardin is waiting for Pet under 37 CFR 1.608(b).